

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 20, 2000
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995
See The American Inventor's Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/535,453
Filing Date	March 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	TAGAKI
Group Art Unit	3753
Examiner Name	FOX J.
Attorney Docket	2000-19

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. Previously Submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on August 23, 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Supplemental Amendment/Response
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other: 1 postcard, Request for Retroactive Extension of Time

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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i))

b. Other _____

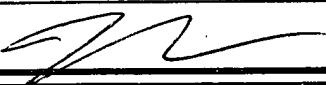
3. Fees

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951:

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (\$710.00);
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) (\$110.00);
- iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$820.00 is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any overpayment or credit any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name	J. Rodman Steele, Jr.	Registration No.	25,931
Signature		Date	9/21/01

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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